

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



Preliminary Assessment Summary

CAD980737076
Dico Oil Company
1845 Willow Avenue
Signal Hill, California 90806

October 1985

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Problem and History

This site has been used as a recycling facility for used oils for its entire history. Used oils are placed into the tanks, and allowed to separate and settle. The water is drained to a clarifier, and from there to the industrial sewer system. The oil is sold to various buyers to be used as fuel in ships. Tank sludges are hauled to disposal facilities.

In 1952, TCL Corporation constructed the tanks and other structures on the site. They operated until 1958 when Western Oil Reduction Company took over the operations. In 1960, Dico Oil Company took over, and has been there since.

This facility is currently working with the Department to be permitted as a recycling facility. No permit has been issued as of yet. This facility is also scheduled to be investigated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to determine the presence of subsurface hydrocarbon contamination.

Recommendation

Staff recommends pending status. Information disclosed in the permitting process and by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's investigation will reveal any problems.

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	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number	RCRA Database 09-23-85	CAD980737076
2. Site Name	California Dept. of Health Services (DOHS) Abandoned Site Project (ASP), Solid Waste Infor- mation System, (SWIS) Form 8015 07-15-82	Dico Oil Company
3. Site Address	Environmental Protection Agency Form T2070-2 07-09-82	1845 Willow Ave Signal Hill, CA 90806
4. County	Same as #2	Los Angeles County
5. Owner (Address & Tel. No.)	Los Angeles County Tax Assessor (LACTA) 10-01-85	Bianca Dehne & John R. Hockenbrocht 2627 Gardenia Avenue Long Beach, CA 90806 (213) 424-3450
6. Operator	DOHS Abandoned Site Assessment Program (ASAP) Industrial Waste Survey 04-01-85	Dico Oil Company 1845 Willow Avenue Signal Hill, CA 90806 (213) 427-9811
7. Type of Ownership	Same as #5	Private
8. Status	DOHS, ASAP, Drive-by 08-07-85	Active
9. Source Activity	Same as #6	Storage and petroleum dehydration

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13. Contacts:

Frank Mele, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4: LA, (213) 620-4699

Dick Cowan, Dico Oil Company, (213) 427-9811

Robert Senga, DOHS, SEU, (213) 620-2380

14. Incidents:

None documented at agencies contacted.

15. Inspections:

08-07-85 Drive-by (ASAP), RB/PW, Site still active

05-21-85 Generator/ISD inspection, DOHS (Senga), Company is average, needs some work.

07-09-82 ASP Drive-by, LG/DK, site description

16. Enforcement History:

Currently the facility is applying for a permit as an oil recycler.

17.a. Initial recommendation for further action:

This site is currently being investigated by DOHS prior to issuance of a permit and is also scheduled to be investigated by the RWQCB. Staff recommends pending status.

17.b. EPA recommendation for further action: Pending. Although the RWQCB investigation referred to in 17.a. has been delayed indefinitely, DHS is evaluating oil recyclers, including Dico, and will either issue an ISD or shut them down. Rob Saunders 5/14/86

18. Final Determination: Pending. RPM Saunders will contact the ^{CA DHS} ~~DOHS~~ in one year to determine

Site status and close out file as appropriate

Paul G. Courge
6-1-86

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
31. Facility Slope		
32. 1 yr. 24 hr. rainfall		
33. Distance to Surface Water		
34. Containment (Surface Water)		
35. Surface Water Use		
36. Distance to Sensi- tive Environment		
37. Population Served (by Surface Water)		
38. Distance to Water Intake		
39. Reactivity		
40. Incompatibility		
41. Toxicity (Air)		
42. Population within 4 mile radius		
43. Land Use		

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
19. Observed Release		
20. Depth to Aquifer		
21. Net Precipitation Net seas. rainfall Evaporation		
22. Permeability of Unsaturated Zone		
23. Physical State		
24. Containment (Ground Water)		
25. Toxicity		
26. Persistence		
27. Waste Quantity		
28. Ground Water Use		
29. Distance to Well		
30. Population Served (by Ground Water)		